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The applicants request entry of the following claim amendments.

Please replace claims 1, 4, 14, 15, 19, 22, and 23 with the following amended claims.

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- 1 1. (Once Amended) A system for providing releasable engagement
2 between two structures, said system comprising:
3 a stud extending outwardly from a first one of said structures along an
4 axis, said stud having an outer surface oriented at an angle to said axis; and
5 a resilient member positioned adjacent a surface of a second one of
6 said structures, said resilient member having a substantially torroidal
7 configuration defining an opening smaller than said stud; said resilient
8 member being configured to allow said opening to expand radially outwardly
9 to permit passage of said stud upon application of a force parallel to said axis
10 and to releasably engage said outer surface of said stud when said resilient
11 member is relaxed, thereby providing releasable engagement between said
12 structures.

- B2
- 1 4. (Twice Amended) A system for providing releasable engagement
2 between a first structure and a second structure, said system comprising:

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